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INSIGHT



SUMMER FUN

THE MACH READ

Second round of hearings set for murder case

A second pretrial motions hearing for a Robins Airman will begin at 9 a.m. Tuesday in Courtroom E of the Bibb County Courthouse in Macon.

Senior Airman Andrew Paul Witt is charged with two specifications of premeditated murder, covered under Article 118 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, for the stabbing deaths of Senior Airman Andrew Schliepsiek and his wife, Jamie, at their on-base residence July 5. Airman Witt is also charged with one specification of attempted murder, under Article 80 of the UCMJ, for a knife attack on Senior Airman Jason King the same morning.

Col. Thomas Cumbie, chief judge, U.S. Air Force Eastern Judicial Circuit, Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D.C., is expected to rule on several motions presented by Airman Witt's defense counsel.

The Airman's defense team consists of Frank Spinner, civilian counsel, Colorado Springs, Colo., and Capt. Darren Johnson, Area Defense Counsel, Robins, and Capt. Doug Rawald, circuit defense counsel, U.S. Air Force Eastern Judicial Circuit, Bolling, and Capt. Scott Williams, 78th Air Base Wing Office of the Staff Judge Advocate.

In December, Maj. Gen. Mike Collings, Center commander, referred the case to a general court-martial as a capital case, which carries the maximum penalty of death.

The trial is scheduled for Sept. 13.

— 78th ABW Public Affairs

ON TRACK

Aircraft Maintenance Output

The information below reflects Robins' progress toward maintenance goals for fiscal 2005 as of June 5.

C-17 11 completed; 7 scheduled; 4 unscheduled

7 goal** 12

C-5 20 completed; 14 scheduled; 6 unscheduled

14 goal 20

C-130 39 completed; 33 scheduled; 5 unscheduled

33 goal 55

F-15 68 completed; 66 scheduled; 2 unscheduled

66 goal 103

**Goal is for scheduled maintenance on-time delivery only; unscheduled aircraft don't count toward fiscal year goals.

Source: Doug Clark Jr., depot maintenance workload analyst, WR-ALCMAIWB

U.S. Air Force graphic by ANGELA TRUNZO

New office keeps civilians informed about NSPS

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A new office at Robins aims to make civilian employees' transition into the National Security Personnel System a little easier.

The NSPS Program Management

Office, which came on board here in April as part of an Air Force Materiel Command-directed initiative, is charged with the planning and coordinating of the pay-for-performance system, slated for implementation with general schedule employees at Robins in October 2006, nearly a year

later than originally anticipated.

Dale Foster, chief program management officer, said by educating supervisors and employees about NSPS, his office hopes to help everyone better understand the system.

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Robins scores Atlanta Falcons visit



U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

Atlanta Falcons football players and cheerleaders visited Robins June 10. Fullbacks Justin Griffith and Carey Davis, safety Bryan Scott, and cheerleaders Kim Kennedy, Courtney Black, Aisha Washington and Deana Williams participated in Services' Falcon Fun Fest. Before the festival, the team toured the flight line and viewed the C-5 Galaxy, the Air Force's largest cargo aircraft, and the F-15 Eagle, a multi-role fighter. They gave cheerleading and football clinics at the Youth Center and signed autographs. They brought the Falcons Mobile Museum, which offered visitors the opportunity to play interactive football games, compete in skills competitions featuring the field goal kick and quarterback toss challenge, and purchase Falcons memorabilia.

Above, fullback Justin Griffith leads a clinic at the Youth Center.

Right, Nicole Charles, 3, meets Atlanta Falcons cheerleader Kim Kennedy.



MGMAC captures humanitarian award

Center Public Affairs Office

The Middle Georgia Military Affairs Committee has won the Zachary and Elizabeth Fisher Distinguished Civilian Humanitarian Award for Air Force Materiel Command and will now compete at the Air Force level.

The MGMAC is a tireless supporter of Robins and its military and civilian personnel as well as their families. The committee provided critical support which directly improved upon the morale and welfare of the base as cited in the award for the period Jan. 1, 2004 to Dec. 31, 2004.

The MGMAC is made up of 230 members from Macon,

Warner Robins, Perry, Fort Valley, Hawkinsville, Cochran, Milledgeville, Dublin and Eastman/Dodge County. Each community has a military affairs chairman and the overall chairmanship rotates annually.

"Since 1984 the Middle Georgia Military Affairs Committee has been supportive of the various missions of the Air Force but especially those who have been connected to the Robins air logistics center," said this year's chairman, Mayor Jim Worrall, Perry mayor. "The group seeks no recognition for what it does. We feel we have an obligation

► see MGMAC, 2A

Outdoor Recreation makes it easy to enjoy summer

By HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD
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Whether you're looking for fun in the sun or ways to improve your home, Outdoor Recreation's Equipment Rental Center has the stuff to make it happen.

The equipment rental center, which offers items such as campers, grills, tents and lawn equipment, gives people at Robins the tools to enjoy the summer without having to pay a lot.

Cheryl Dollard, 78th Services' Outdoor Recreation Program director, said many people at Robins are already taking advantage of the center's low prices.

"We have pontoon boats, ski boats, bass boats, paddle boats, picnic and party items," she said.



U.S. Air Force file photo by SUE SAPP

Anyone with a base identification card is eligible to use Outdoor Recreation services.

"Any given Friday, pretty much all of our equipment is gone with the popularity of most of our items."

Items can be reserved up to 30 days in advance of actual pick

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AIRMEN AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING

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SLOW DOWN ► 292 speeding tickets have been issued to date.

Accumulating 12 traffic violation points within a year may cause drivers to lose base driving privileges for up to 6 months. Speeding violation points are based on the number of miles over the posted speed limit.

WEATHER FORECAST

Courtesy of 78th OSS/OSW

TODAY
92/68



SATURDAY
92/67



SUNDAY
90/66



NSPS

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“The NSPS Office was set up to help the (Center) commander with the implementation of the new personnel system across the (base),” he said. “We’re the office that will plan, coordinate and work the resource and training issues to ensure we have a smooth implementation.”

Mr. Foster said the office has been working with wing and staff offices in developing and coordinating an ongoing campaign plan for the system’s implementation.

As part of its efforts to keep employees informed about changes with the upcoming system, Rosalind “Roz” Overton, an NSPS transition assistant, will track down the latest information about NSPS to address employees’ NSPS concerns.

“I think education is the name of the game,” she said. “Once everyone gains as much information as they can obtain, the better the transition will be ... Of course, it will be a challenge, but if I don’t have the answer, I will definitely find it.”

The office, which is expected to be fully manned by the end of August, has already begun pro-



Dale Foster is the chief of Robins’ NSPS program management office.

‘DEAR ROZ’

Q: The General Schedule system has been around for a long time and is working. Why are we changing to a pay band system?

A: Most employees do not recognize the history of pay banding, but the approach actually started in the federal government at China Lake at the same time the current civil service rules were implemented, i.e., in the 1978-1979 time period. While most of the federal government was under the General Schedule, the China Lake demonstration project was under a pay for performance system with pay bands. Since that time numerous other military sites have had demonstration projects that have validated pay for performance and the pay banding approach, e.g., the Acquisition Demonstration Project at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif.

The Office of Personnel Management and the Government Accountability Office have long recommended that the federal pay system, i.e., the General Schedule, be changed to reflect a more modern, performance-based approach that links employee performance to the organization’s goals. Simply stated, the General Schedule is considered to be out-of-date, especially when one considers that the General Schedule awards employees for seniority regardless of actual performance.

Rosalind ‘Roz’ Overton, NSPS transition assistant, will address employees’ NSPS concerns in the Robins Rev-Up each week. For more information, call Ms. Overton at 926-4023 or visit the NSPS link at www.robins.af.mil.



Rosalind ‘Roz’ Overton is an NSPS transition assistant.



U.S. Air Force file photo by SUE SAPP

Outdoor Recreation's Equipment Rental Center offers a variety of items for rent by people with base access. For list of items available, visit the Services link at www.robins.af.mil.

OUTDOOR

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up and can be rented for weeks at a time, Ms. Dollard said.

With Tuesday the first day of summer, frequent customer Tech. Sgt. Barry Coggins, 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron F-15 Element Flight Chief, is taking advantage of the center’s low rental rates.

“It’s pretty easy to get the equipment, rather than at the competition downtown where everybody can get a hold of it,” he said. “Their prices are pretty comparable to downtown and they give you stuff that you can’t get anywhere else, like boats

and other things.”

Sergeant Coggins, who recently called on the rental center’s services as he began a fence project at his home, said he has used a variety of items from equipment rental centers throughout his Air Force career.

“I’ve used them all over the world,” he said. “They’re definitely handy to use.”

And 1st Lt. Gary Cooper, a KC-135 pilot with the 99th Air Refueling Squadron, recently rented a table and chairs from the rental center.

“It’s a great thing to be able to go in on a few days notice and get exactly what you need without having to spend a fortune on it,” he said.

E-MAIL

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person aware of the situation).”

Lt. Col. Tim Hartje, 78th Communications Squadron commander, said the situation shows how the actions of a few people could impact the whole base.

“This incident is a good example of how just a few individuals who may have the greatest intentions can cause tremendous consequences to our shared operating

environment,” he said. “Our e-mail team has responded with the greatest sense of urgency and kept e-mail flowing under the most challenging circumstances.”

Colonel Hartje said e-mails like this do more harm than good.

“It’s unfortunate (the) troops the message asked us to pray for were the exact one hurt,” he said. “Continuing the chain denied them access to the e-mail they use for daily work and for morale messages from their families.”

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WHAT TO KNOW

Outdoor Recreation Equipment Rental Center, Building 914, is open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. The center rents items such as pontoon and fishing boats; and game equipment, such as volleyball and badminton sets. Items may be reserved up to 30 days in advance. Those wishing to rent a boat must pass a boating test administered by the rental center. Anyone with a base identification card is eligible to use services. For more information, call 926-4001 or visit the Services link at www.robins.af.mil.

MGMAC

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to support those men and women who provide us with the freedoms we enjoy each and every day.”

On being nominated for the Air Force level award Worrall said, “We are extremely proud that our group has been recognized with the nomination for the 2005 Zachary and Elizabeth Fisher Distinguished Civilian

Humanitarian Award.”

“We are so proud of the MGMAC for winning at AFMC,” said Faye Williams, Center Public Affairs deputy director. “They have done so much for the base. Whenever we need them, they are there to help. They offer their time and support to us without reservation. The MGMAC members whole heartedly deserve this award, and I believe they have a good chance of winning at Air Force level.”

The award, established in

1996, by the Secretaries of the Air Force, Army and Navy is named in honor of Zachary and Elizabeth Fisher, both of whom contributed extensively to the support and welfare of the members of the Armed Services of the United States. The award is a multi-service award designated to recognize and reward individual(s) or organizations(s) demonstrating exceptional patriotism and humanitarian concern for members of the Armed Forces or their families.

CORRECTION

In the June 10 edition of the Rev-Up, we misidentified J.R. Bedford. We regret the error.

F-15 pioneer retires after 50 years of service

By **LANORRIS ASKEW**
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Crawford A. Battle has always loved air-planes. Since the early days of his youth growing up in the shadow of Craig Air Force Base, Ala., he knew one day he would make a career out of them.

On Tuesday, Mr. Battle celebrated the culmination of that dream as he bade farewell during a retirement ceremony honoring a half century in government service and aviation.

During an interview with a representative from the 142nd Fighter Wing from Oregon Air National Guard Base, Portland, Ore., last year, Mr. Battle discussed how it all began.

Born and raised in Uniontown, Ala., Mr. Battle graduated from the University of Alabama with a degree in aeronautical engineering.

With the draft in effect, as soon as he finished his last college exam he took the Air Force entrance exam and was given a class entrance date for three months later.

Mr. Battle said he later received a letter saying the program had been extended, and it would in fact be at least 18 months before he would get a class date, so he started to look elsewhere. That elsewhere ended up being the Navy.

After telling the Navy recruiter about his dilemma with the Air Force he was told that if he could pass their test he could be in the Navy in five days.

“They were true to their word,” he said. “In five days they had me in a class to become a Navy aviator.”

After serving four years as a Naval aviator he left the service and started looking for another job in aviation.

After being told he was overqualified for one job and another’s program being cancelled, a disappointed Mr. Battle went back to Alabama in 1959 to look into going back to school. Luckily for him Air Force recruiters were there looking for engineers. Within a week he was working as an aerospace engineer at Brookley Air Force Base, Ala.

While at Brookley, he provided key engineering support for the F-105, F-86, and HU-16, and authored performance and flight operations data for the F-84, F105, B-66, and HU-16 Seaplane aircrew flight manuals. He also pioneered the first performance tables, and laid the foundation for



Submitted photo

Crawford A. Battle retired from government service Tuesday. Mr. Battle has built a reputation worldwide in the F-15 community as the foremost technical authority on the aircraft.

the Air Force pilot training and fighter operational procedures for the those aircraft.

When Brookley closed in 1965 he was transferred to the Warner Robins Air Material Area now the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center.

“When Brookley closed I went to Robins with the B-66 program,” he said. “The HU-16 also transferred. At Robins I worked in the aircraft performance branch, and I worked the flight test on an EC-47 for Project Phyllis Ann which was a special version of the C-47.”

He also worked the flight test in C-119 gunship program and the beginning of the C-130 wing crack program.

In December 1969, Mr. Battle was promoted to fill the F-15 engineering manager’s position as a GS-13 aerospace engineer. This was the first engineer position in the then new F-15 management organization at Warner Robins Air Logistics Center.

In this position, Mr. Battle assembled and trained the first group of engineers which he led to become F-15 engineering experts and to develop procedures and set standards for excellence found there today.

In those early F-15 years, he also used his in depth knowledge of aerospace engineering to review the draft F-15 design to develop initial depot tooling, repair techniques, and repair cost years prior to the ini-

tial aircraft delivery.

Mr. Battle has since built a reputation worldwide in the F-15 community as the foremost technical authority on the F-15. In this position, Mr. Battle was frequently called upon to make critical decisions that directly effect mission capabilities. As an example, under his guidance and direction, the F-15 service life of 4,000 flight hours was reevaluated and extended to 8,000 hours. Through his expertise in fighter design and structural reliability he has recently steered the aircraft to a new point of over 12,000 hours in economic life.

During Tuesday’s ceremony, Mr. Battle received the Outstanding Civilian Career Service Award recognizing his achievements and outstanding federal career service. He also received the 2004 Engineering and Technical Management Award complete with a videotaped message from Gen. Greg Martin, Air Force Materiel Command commander. The Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command ETMA recognizes an individual or team who has made the most significant contribution in the AFMC Engineering and Technical Management community.

Editor’s note: The 142nd Fighter Wing, Oregon Air National Guard contributed information for this article.

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30 years later, Vietnam vets finally get welcome home

BRANSON, Mo. -- Vietnam veterans check for familiar names at the "Dignity Memorial Vietnam Wall," the largest of several "traveling" replicas of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington. The wall is on display during Operation Homecoming USA through Saturday.

Veteran reflects on meaning of Flag Day

WASHINGTON (AFPN) – It has been a little more than two months since I returned from Iraq.

More than a year earlier I promised my wife I would come home safely, and the day I returned, hours after I had come home, I watched my wife eagerly remove the Blue Star Service Banner that hung in our front window, and she happily watched me bring down the yellow ribbon that had hugged our yard's corner tree for a year.

The symbols of my family's hardship and sacrifice were now finally gone from the landscape of my neighborhood. Passersby and neighbors, noting the missing banner and yellow ribbon, stopped by and welcomed me home. My family's Soldier was home, and the tattered, frayed ribbon that weathered three Florida hurricanes, and the banner that faded in the setting sun each day were now stowed for posterity.

Before I left Iraq, I, too, removed an item from display. It hung in the public affairs "hooch" at Phoenix Base in Baghdad, and also briefly in my quarters. The item had made the long journey from the United States to Iraq. Now back home, it sits far from the angry sounds of mortar, rocket and small-arms fire so familiar to Soldiers in Iraq, now also familiar to this flag. It is a U.S. flag flown over the U.S. Capitol on the day I became an Army officer.

Before my duty in Iraq, the flag served as a moral compass that guided me and kept my course true after I decided to leave the enlisted ranks and set my course on an officer's career path. It kept me focused and committed to the oath I took when I became a second lieutenant. I kept it within eyeshot in my office. Looking at it as I weighed options more than once helped me make sound military, personal and ethical decisions.

In Iraq, the flag was still a source of

direction. The enemy routinely attacked us using indirect fire. On one occasion a round hit our compound, but did not explode. But another hit so close that the wall-draped flag waved slightly from the blast that violently shook the walls.

I looked around the hooch as we hugged the floor, and for some strange reason I felt reassured, safe. "It's going to be fine," I told my Soldiers. I stared at the colors as the mortars continued to hit, and found an immense source of strength. I was never able to explain it, but every time we were attacked, if I was in the hooch, I always looked to that flag for a sense of peace, for stability, to keep me focused and grounded.

When I was in Fallujah, Iraqi security forces raised their nation's flag in a scene reminiscent of U.S. Marines raising the flag at Mount Suribachi on Iwo Jima, Japan, in World War II. Having seized Fallujah's hospital, one of the major objectives in Operation Al Fajr (Arabic for "dawn"), Iraqi special forces lifted their nation's colors, and in doing so lifted their comrades' spirits. And while the raising of the Iraqi flag inside of Fallujah's city limits was not as dramatic as the Marines raising the U.S. flag in the Pacific, to me, an officer sent to Iraq to help support the training of Iraqi security forces, it was equally inspiring.

As I served in Iraq, I wore the U.S. flag on my uniform. The flag accompanied me as I traveled the sometimes-dangerous streets of Iraq and flew with me in Iraq's not-so-friendly skies. My U.S. flag patches are the only patches from my uniform that I have kept.

Now, symbols of my war service, like my flag patches, are securely tucked away in a keepsake box, and my commissioning flag sits on a shelf in our den encased in wood and glass. Someday I am sure they will again serve as a source of inspiration.

But Tuesday was Flag Day. And for my

family, our house is not our home without the flag waving gently, quietly, proudly in the breeze on our front porch. For us, our flag symbolizes that we are free to do what we want, when we want. It represents freedom of spirit, who we are, what we stand for, and what we are willing to endure for liberty.

That is what kept me focused in Iraq and kept me believing in our mission. To me, the flag represents my family, our way of life – many, united as one. And maybe that is what Flag Day is all about. The flag is something different to everyone, and in that disparity there is unity, a bond.

I have returned to my life as a part-time Soldier, and I am in Washington performing my annual training. It comes as no surprise that on my son's first visit to Washington, the first two places we visited were the Marine Corps War Memorial and the National Museum of American History.

The Marine Corps War Memorial, which depicts that famous World War II flag raising, now reminds me of the nascent Iraqi forces raising their country's colors in Fallujah. The symbolism behind the monument has become, for me, one and the same with the symbolism of that moment in Fallujah.

And draped at the entrance of the National Museum of American History is a symbol of sorrow, resolve, determination and inspiration – the mammoth flag that covered the span across the Pentagon's damaged walls the morning after Sept. 11, 2001.

And as expected, the encased flag in my den and the flag patches I wore on my uniform are once again serving as a source of inspiration.

You are, after all, reading this article.

This commentary was written by Army Capt. Steve Alvarez.

There were no administrative discharges under the rapid airman discharge program for this time period.

– 78th Air Base Wing Legal Office



Col. Greg Patterson
78th Air Base Wing
commander

Commander's
Action Line

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Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Robins Rev-Up. Anonymous action lines will not be processed.

Youth activities

Who came up with the idea to take away all of the free or low-cost youth activities for the summer at Robins? I'm forced to send my 12-year-old daughter to a summer camp off-base. They charge \$30 a week for activities from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., which includes breakfast, lunch and snack. She has been going to the youth center since she was 6, but this year I can't afford to send her there. Also, we have to pay to go to the base pools now. Where are we supposed to get the money for our children to enjoy this summer?

Commander's reply:

Actually, we have many free and low cost activities available. The Services Division uses the Robins Rev-Up, their own publications and the Web to publicize their activities. I encourage you to check them out. You can even register for e-mails about specific activities to be sent straight to your e-mail account by registering at www.robins.af.mil/services.

I believe you are mixing apples and oranges when you state that we have raised our prices. The \$3 for "open recreation" at the Youth Center that was charged last year is still in effect. Last year, parents could pay \$50 a month or \$3 a day and drop their kids off from noon to 7 p.m. each day. This year, we've reduced the hours to allow for new summer camp programs; the hours are now 5 - 7 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and Saturdays noon to 7 p.m. We've also reduced the price to \$25 a year or \$3 a month (versus \$3 a day). We have expanded the number of summer camps we offer based on feedback from parents. Most parents requested structured "learning" camps for their kids. These camps are 10 hours a day with four hours of instruction, such as basketball, theater, swimming, bowling and art. They're competitive with camps outside the gates: fifty hours of camp, 10 meals and five snacks for \$95! We also have a regular summer camp program with fees based on family income.

Swimming pools are a great deal too. We were one of the few bases that have been able to open the pools without fees. We are still competitive with pools outside the gates. Our junior enlisted folks can buy a family pass for access to three base pools for \$45. If you're a club member, you can get the pass for \$39.50.

We'll continue to provide free activities as much as possible: Movies in the Park, events such as the Atlanta Falcons caravan June 10, a free showing of Herbie: Fully Loaded scheduled at the base theater Saturday at 2 p.m., and the many 3C events we have all year long. Thanks for being a loyal customer and don't hesitate to call John Flood, Services Division Chief, at 926-3193 if you have any questions.

Editor's note: Turn to 1B for more information on youth activities.

Military justice

During the period of June 6 through 13, one member of Robins Air Force Base received non-judicial punishment under Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

►A technical sergeant committed assault with a dangerous weapon and was disorderly.

Punishment: reduction to staff sergeant.

New sexual assault response program’s advocates are ‘mission ready’

By **LANORRIS ASKEW**
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The Department of Defense directed implementation of a Sexual Assault Response and Prevention program at all military installations is in full swing here, and the program’s coordinator, Cindy Graver, said the “People First...Mission Always” mantra is at its foundation.

The Air Force went “live” with the initiative Tuesday opening the doors of the new offices which were set up to ensure victims of sexual assault are given the help they need.

The office will focus on policy and leadership, prevention through training, providing responsive victim care, enhancing reporting through avenues of restricted and unrestricted reporting, and improving prevention and response in the

deployed environment.

“We are striving to have a mission ready and capable work force available to assist Team Robins members that have been sexually assaulted, said Mrs. Graver. “Even those assaulted prior to this program.”

“Our members have a right to talk to a counselor even if they did not or do not intend on reporting it.”

“We will work to ensure that we take care of our people because that’s what it’s all about – ‘Mission First ... People Always’. At the end of their trauma we want our victims to be able to become survivors and maintain a good quality of life.”

CINDY GRAVER
Sexual Assault Response and Prevention program coordinator

WHAT TO KNOW

To contact the Sexual Assault Response and Prevention office, call 926 - 2946 during duty hours. After hours, call the Robins Command Post at 327-2612. For more information on becoming a Victim Advocate, e-mail Mrs. Graver at cindy.graver@robins.af.mil.

Mrs. Graver said there are people who for whatever reason do not report assaults or get the services and treatment needed to be back at 100 percent, so often even non reported acts of sexual assault have a negative impact on mission readiness.

A lot of preparations were made before opening the office, including a week of intense training by the program’s coordinator at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, and a table top exercise held here Monday.

The exercise, which involved reporting sexual assaults to various agencies on base, tested their responsiveness to sexual assaults by enacting various scenarios.

“The purpose of the exercise was to see where our holes are and to make sure we correct any deficiencies,” said Mrs. Graver. “This is a brand new program, so we have to train and educate people. Everyone needs to know their role.”

The office will house two positions, the sexual assault response coordinator, or SARC, and a program assistant. The program will also rely heavily on victim advocates, or VAs.



Cindy Graver is the Sexual Assault Response and Prevention program coordinator.



Ed Armijo is the Sexual Assault Working Group chairman.

Reporting directly to the installation vice commander, the SARC implements and manages the installation level sexual assault prevention and response programs.

The program assistant will give support to the SARC, and the VAs will provide essential support, liaison services and care to victims.

Their responsibilities include providing crisis intervention, referral and ongoing non-clinical support, including information on available options and resources to assist in making informed decisions about the case.

The SARC recruits, screens, interviews, selects and supervises the VAs.

Mrs. Graver said the program is in need of VAs, and those interested should contact her office.

The addition of the new office also brings with it the addition of a new form of reporting for victims of sexual assault.

“If an active duty or Title 10 military member comes to the office and has been sexually assaulted, and they want help but don’t want to go through the usual channels, they are eligible for what is called restricted reporting,” she said.

This option, which is currently only offered for active duty military, gives the individual access to, Life Skills support and treatment and a victim advocate but doesn’t initiate an investigative process.

“We hope that in the future DoD civilians and family members will be included,” said Mrs. Graver.

The other option known as unrestricted reporting involves the alerting of law enforcement.

While the SARC is the nucleus of the new program, the already established Sexual

Assault Working Group will serve as a tool to help get the program off the ground.

Ed Armijo, working group chairman, said the members of the group will help execute training.

The office will also work with outside agencies such as HODAC and Sexual Assault Nurses Examiners.

“We will work to ensure that we take care of our people because that’s what it’s all about - ‘Mission First ... People Always,’” said Mrs. Graver. “At the end of their trauma we want our victims to be able to become survivors and maintain a good quality of life. We want to talk about education and prevention a lot, so were going to focus on those areas.”

The program coordinator said she joined the team because she enjoys helping people.

She added that it’s a continually evolving program and they expect it to change and get better.

Mr. Armijo agreed.

“We are in our infancy, and we may run into barriers, but none that we can’t overcome,” he said.

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Junior Force Council helps military, civilians improve career development, quality of life

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Junior Force Council members are working hard to make sure Robins’ junior ranking civilian and military employees are getting the information they need.

The 12-person council, comprised of representatives from wing and staff offices, is part of an Air Force Materiel Command-driven initiative that started last summer to help military and civilians with less than 10 years of government service improve areas such as career development, quality of life and job satisfaction

Jill Davis, Capabilities and Integration Office logistics management specialist and JFC president, said the councils were established at AFMC bases as a result of a recent study that surveyed the needs of the junior force.

“I heard the results of the study, and I could identify with some of the challenges that were briefed, like not having a specifically defined career path, which left me having to research it on my own,” she said. “That’s something that Maj. Gen. (Mike) Collings (Center commander) has tasked us to start working on at the Center, through senior leaders.”

Staff Sgt. Brian Lathrop, 52nd Combat Communications Squadron network administrator and JFC vice-president, said the council needs everyone’s input



Jill Davis is the Capabilities and Integration Office logistics management specialist and JFC president.



Staff Sgt. Brian Lathrop is a 52nd CSCS network administrator and JFC vice-president

to help ensure good communication between senior leaders and the junior force.

“Right now, we’re trying to get information out to everyone,” he said. “We want everyone to know that any issue junior members feel they can’t get to leadership can be brought to us. Senior leaders want to know about those issues, and they’re letting us be the direct link between the junior force and them so we can get those issues worked out.”

Open communication between base leaders and the junior force is one of Sergeant Lathrop’s top priorities for the council.

“I would like to get the different lines of communication open at Robins, including the different parts of the wing and (associate) units, so we can have an open exchange of ideas” he said.

WHAT TO KNOW

The Junior Force Council is an Air Force Materiel Command-wide initiative designed to help military and civilians with less than 10 years time in government service communicate with leadership on career development and quality of life issues. Meetings are held in the Base Library conference room on the second floor of Building 905 the last Tuesday of each month. For more information, contact Jill Davis at 926-0258 or Staff Sgt. Brian Lathrop at 926-5200.

Ms. Davis said she hopes by making junior force members more aware of the council that together they can find ways of increasing their involvement in the overall war-fighting mission.

“I’d like to see the Junior Force Council participate in some of the task groups, such as the training group, because if they run something by us, we can give the junior force perspective on it,” she said. “That way the junior force could positively improve training and work force development, so that people (would be) more satisfied with their jobs and feel they’re contributing to the mission in a meaningful way.”

Lt. Col. Ken Smalls, 78th Mission Support Squadron commander, serves as the liaison for the JFC, and said the council pulls together the expertise of existing organizations to help the junior force.

“We try to take their issues as well to take a synergistic approach to (addressing issues), so we’re not alienating established councils, but we’re instead working as a team to enrich the junior force.”

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2004 Water Quality Report

Robins Air Force Base Water System Permit No. 1530042

Good News About Your Water

We are pleased to report that your drinking water met or exceeded all safety and quality standards set by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) and the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) during the previous year.

This Water Quality Report provides detailed accounts of all the water monitoring and testing results gathered during 2004 for the Robins AFB Public Water System. Included are details about where your water originates, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies. The purpose of this report is to advise consumers about drinking water quality and heighten awareness of the need to protect precious water resources. It reflects the hard work and dedication of the 78th Civil Engineer Squadron, who operates and maintains the water distribution and treatment systems; the 78th Medical Group, who tests the drinking water for safety and quality; and the Environmental Management Division, who oversees the program and ensures compliance with our Georgia withdrawal and operation permits.

To comply with the Consumer Confidence Reporting Rule of the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, the 78th Medical Group Bioenvironmental Engineering Flight issues this annual report on drinking water monitoring results.

For additional information about this report or to provide input regarding the Robins AFB public water system, contact the Robins ABW Public Affairs Office at 926-2137. The base organizations that manage the water system have an open door policy with our residents.

Is the Water on Robins AFB Safe?

Yes! Our water meets or exceeds all of the Georgia EPD and US EPA regulations for drinking water. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the US EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The testing results in the table at the end of this report show that we met and continued to exceed the requirements for safe drinking water. Robins AFB potable water supply is high quality, safe and tastes great!

Where does our Water Come From?

Our drinking water is drawn from the Blufftown Aquifer, one of the best ground water sources in the state. This is a safe and reliable source, providing high-quality water that is free of micro-organisms such as Giardia and Cryptosporidium that are sometimes found in rivers and lakes.



Rain water percolates down into the Blufftown Aquifer through layers of soil and sand, which act as natural cleansing filters to remove impurities. We are permitted to withdraw raw water through the wells located throughout the base.

How is your Water Treated?

A variety of techniques are used to treat your tap water, including disinfection by chlorination as well as fluoridation to protect children's teeth. The water also goes through a softening process by adding poly-orthophosphate and lime. The water treatment operation is staffed 24 hours a day by highly trained, state-licensed water treatment plant operators. All of our drinking water is pumped from seven active wells at Robins.

How do Substances get into Water Sources?

As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, naturally occurring radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in any source water before it is treated include:

Microorganisms, such as viruses and bacteria, may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, and wildlife.

Inorganic chemicals, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring, or result from storm water runoff or industrial sources.

Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, storm water runoff, or residential uses.

Organic chemicals, originating typically from industrial operations and storm water runoff.

Radionuclides, which can naturally occur, or are the result of mining activities.

Here at Robins AFB, the drinking water aquifer is located over 300 feet below ground surface and separated from surface water by several thick clay layers. Most surface water contaminants never reach the drinking water supply.

Putting Things into Perspective *

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence

of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the US EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791.

** The above statement is an advisory statement required to be published by 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 141.153(h)(1)(iv) for all water systems.*

Special Health Considerations **

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA / CDC (Environmental Protection Agency / Centers for Disease Control) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other micro-

bial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline 800-426-4791.

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Robins AFB Monitoring Waivers

The Source Water Assessment and Vulnerability Assessment show the Robins water system's raw water is not in a high potential pollution risk situation. As authorized by GA EPD, our system has reduced monitoring requirements for certain contaminants to less often than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. The reduced monitoring requirements, called waivers, have been issued to Robins AFB drinking water system for the following inorganic compounds: asbestos and cyanide, effective January 1, 2002 to December 31, 2010. Additionally, our system has a waiver for 31 synthetic organic compounds, effective January 1, 2002 to December 31, 2004.

Please contact the Robins ABW Public Affairs Office at 926-2137 if you have questions about drinking water waivers or wish to receive a copy.

Availability of our Source Water Assessment Plan

Our Source Water Assessment Plan (SWAP) has been completed and will be made available to consumers through the Warner Robins Public Library. The SWAP includes information regarding potential sources of contamination of our seven drinking water wells and a review of the controls to mitigate any potential impact. A summary of the potential contaminant sources that are found in the wellhead management zones yields the following:

► Hazards associated with the handling of the various oils and greases used in the maintenance of pump motors and emergency generators are present at all wells.

► Hazards associated with handling of the various chemicals used in the water treatment system are present at all wells.

► Hazards associated with diesel fuel are present at all wells, except WS-1 and WS-19.

► Hazards associated with storm water runoff are present at all wells.

Management strategies to control current and future potential contamination sources have been identified and implemented at Robins. These controls are designated as adequate for the protection of our drinking water supply.

Complaints regarding color, taste or odor? Please call the Civil Engineering Service Desk at 926-5657.

Results for Primary Contaminants

Substance	MCL	MCLG	Robins AFB Water System	Range of detections	Year Sampled	Violation Yes/No	Possible sources of contamination
Total Coliform Bacteria	1 ^a	0	0 ^b	N/A	2004	No	Naturally present in the environment
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	1.02	0.71-1.48	2004	No	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth
Total Nitrate/Nitrite (ppm)	10	10	0.77	0.38-0.77	2004	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Alpha Emitter (pCi/L)	15	0	<1	N/A	2002 ^d	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Radium-226 (pCi/L)	5	0	1.1	N/A	1999 ^d	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Total Trihalomethanes (ppb)	80	N/A	0	N/A	2003 ^d	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Haloacetic Acids (ppb)	60	N/A	0	N/A	2003 ^d	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection

Substance	AL	MCLG	Robins AFB Water System	No. of Sampling Sites	No. of Sampling Sites Exceeding AL	Year Sampled	Violation Yes/No	Possible sources of contamination
Copper (at tap) (ppm)	1.3 ^c	1.3 ^c	0.77 ^e	20	1 ^f	2004	No	Erosion of natural deposits; corrosion of household plumbing systems
Lead (at tap) (ppb)	15 ^c	0 ^c	2.5 ^e	20	1 ^f	2004	No	Erosion of natural deposits; corrosion of household plumbing systems

- a. The MCL for total coliform bacteria is based on the presence or absence of total coliforms in a sample.
b. Highest number of positive total coliform samples collected in any one month.
c. These samples represent the 90th percentile for the Robins AFB water system.
d. Data was collected in previous years, but is still considered by GA EPD to be representative of drinking water quality.
e. These samples represent the 90th percentile for the Robins AFB water system.
f. Sample collection error. Resampling confirmed levels below AL.

Water Quality Data

The GA EPD and USEPA have established standards regulating contaminants. The tables below display data for monitoring period January through December 2004 and are designed to inform you about substances that may be found in your drinking water. Compare the Robins AFB Water System column to the standards in the column labeled MCL. Your drinking water was not in violation of the standards during 2004.

Results for Secondary Contaminants ¹					
Substance	MCL	Robins AFB Water System	Range of detections	Year Sampled	Violation Yes/No
Aluminum (ppb)	50-200	140	64-140	2003 ³	No
Fluoride (ppm)	2	1.02	0.71-1.43	2004	No
Iron (ppb)	300	170	120-170	2003 ³	No
Zinc (ppm)	5	97 ²	N/A	2003 ³	No

1. Secondary contaminant MCLs control substances that primarily affect aesthetic qualities (odor or appearance) of drinking water. These MCLs are not federally enforceable but are intended as guidelines.
2. No known or expected risk to public health.
3. Data was collected in previous years, but is still considered by GA EPD to be representative of drinking water quality.

Drinking Water Definitions

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

ppm: parts per million

ppb: parts per billion

pCi/L: Pico curies per liter (a measure of radioactivity)

N/A:Not applicable

Hobby or job? For one painter in C-5 section, it’s both

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Mike Boutwell paints C-5s. Some fly in the sky while others are grounded for good. Mr. Boutwell, an aircraft painter in the C-5 squadron of the 402nd Aircraft Maintenance Group, has been exercising his artistic talent for a long time. He has also been an aircraft painter here for 13 years. Recently he incorporated his flair for art at the work site by painting a mural on the floor of Building 125 in the C-5 engine and pylon shop. The mural includes the state of Georgia, a C-5 aircraft in flight, the 402nd Maintenance Wing proposed logo and a banner naming the pylon shop as outstanding performers during the 2003 Maintenance Standardization Evaluation Program inspection. “I found out the shop workers were pretty fond of the MSEP award, so I put something nice down for them. It’s sort of like a trophy and something they can be proud of,” he said. This is not the first mural Mr. Boutwell has painted at Robins; however, this was the first time he has painted a floor mural. The

actual work took about 20 hours over a three-week period. The artist had the area roped off but said he often had an audience while he worked on the project. “The people in the area are fond of it and would check on the progress while I worked,” Mr. Boutwell said. Shannon Watson, technician in the shop, agrees. “It is very motivating for us to see the mural Mr. Boutwell painted for the C-5 engine and pylon shop,” he said. “It’s a constant reminder of the outstanding performer recognition we received during the 2003 Maintenance Standardization and Evaluation Program.”

Special requests

Art fascinated this painter at an early age. “I’ve been fiddling with art since I was old enough to pick up a pencil and start scribbling,” he said. His talent for creative design has others asking him to put his skills to use often at work. Recently he was asked to design the cover for the Shingo nomination package. Other organizations have also asked him to paint a

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Shannon Watson
C-5 engine and pylon shop technician

mural for their work area. He said he isn’t able to take on every requested paint job because it would interfere with his job as an aircraft painter.

New ventures

A few years ago he received an airbrush for Christmas, and it added a new outlet for his creativity. “I’ve begun doing tailgate murals,” he said. The artist has a full spectrum of canvases. Some are stationary, some can be held. Some of his work rolls down the highways while the largest - the huge C-5s - soar around the globe supporting war fighters.

General takes a tour



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP
Ralph Mannis, left, Nondestructive Inspection Shop supervisor, and Maj. Gen. Mike Collings, Center commander, talk about Robins’ current technology during a tour of the area in Building 323 June 8.

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Robins offers a variety of programs on base for children

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Parents searching for a fun, safe summer environment for their children while they work or attend school should look no further than the Robins Youth Center.

According to Debra Bargie, youth programs director, the center is offering four programs for children of active duty military members and Department of Defense civilians this summer. Those programs include day camps, specialty camps and open recreation, and offer children educational opportunities while letting them let their hair down at the same time.

Jennifer Rose, school age coordinator, said summer day camp, which kicked off June 13, is an eight-week program open to children 5 to 12 years old, and its cost is based on total family income.

"The camp is open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.," she said. "And the price ranges from \$58 to \$114 per week, which includes breakfast, lunch and a snack."

WHAT TO KNOW

For more information on summer activities at the youth center, call 926-2110.

During the week activities include two trips to the pool, one major field trip and clubs children can sign up for including sports, art, dance and computers.

"We do planned activities that go with the themes and provide a scheduled outdoor activity time," she said.

To be eligible for children to attend the program either both parents must be employed or one must be in school. If one parent is searching for employment they have a 60 day window to find a job.

"This program is an important benefit to the working military and DoD civilians here," said Ms. Bargie. "We try to provide fun activities that keep the kids busy all day, and the parents are satisfied because they know when they drop them off and pick them up when they get off work they've been fed, played games and had a full day. And, during the summer that's what it's all about – fun."

In addition to the summer camp, the center also has specialty camps for kids 9 to 14 years old.

"A few years ago we took a look at the fact that the programs offered only accommodated children up to 12 years of age, but there were parents who had real concerns about children 9 to 14 years of age who were too old for the regular program, but too young to be at home alone," said Ms. Bargie. "We decided to try the specialty camps which are not really day care because with their parent's permission they can sign themselves in and out," she said.

Each week there is a different specialty camp, and parents can choose which weeks they would like to send their children.

The specialty camp program is open from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily at the Robins Teen Center. The cost is \$95 per week except for the week of July 4.

The camps include swimming, theater, fine arts, science and bowling. These specialty areas are blocks of instruction that can be from two to four hours long with the rest of the day filled with other activities.

"The center pays for outside instructors to come in and teach the specialty camps," said Ms. Bargie. "Although some of the camps are filled, some still have openings. I don't think we will ever have enough slots to take care of the entire community, but this year we have more than we did last year."

Open recreation for children 9 to 12 years old is also offered daily from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the teen center and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the youth center. Saturdays the hours are 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. at youth center. Membership fee for open recreation is \$25 per year or \$3 per month.

A teen program for youth 13 to 18 years old is open Tuesdays through Thursdays, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Fridays, 5p.m. to 11p.m.; and Saturdays, 3 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Peyton Baskerville, a fourth grader at Robins Elementary School, and a day camper at the youth center said she looks forward to coming back each summer until she is old enough to stay at home by herself.

"I like to swim, and I like the teachers. They're nice," she said.



William Menefee, 5, participates in an indoor ball game at the Youth Center.

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Above, Aaron Lewis, 8, and Marcus McBride, 8, play a pinball computer game at the Youth Center.



Right, Dana Burns, 8, left, and Ryan Shaw, 8, create things with a building system.



Langston Newsome, 7, shoots pool at the Youth Center.

"We try to provide fun activities that keep the kids busy all day... And, during the summer that's what it's all about – fun."

DEBRA BARGIE
Youth programs director

TODAY

A sports volunteer appreciation luncheon will be held 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., in the Smith Community Center, Building 767. Guest speaker will be Bryan Way, Warner Robins High School head football coach and athletic director, winners of the 2004 State Football Championship. Team mothers and spouses are welcome. Please no children. To attend, e-mail Ron Hayes at ronald.hayes@robins.af.mil.

SATURDAY

Five-on-five dodge ball is scheduled at 11 a.m. Sign up at the fitness center.

SUNDAY

A Members First Plus brunch will be 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the Enlisted Club. Cost is free to members and their children ages 5 and younger, \$5.95 for children ages 6 to 12, \$8.95 for ages 13 and older and guests and \$11.95 for nonmembers.

A brunch is available 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. on Sundays with all-you-care-to-enjoy breakfast and dinner entrees at the Officers' Club. Cost is \$9.95 for members and \$11.95 for nonmembers. For more information, call the 926-2670.

MONDAY

The Missoula Children's Theater tour arrives with a script, lights, costumes, props, and make-up — everything it takes to put on the all-time favorite classic "The Jungle Book" except a cast. The community center will host the program today through Saturday, June 25. Between 50 and 60 children, from those entering the first grade to twelfth grade, may participate in open auditions at the community center Monday at 9 a.m. Those auditioning should arrive by 9 a.m. and be prepared to stay the entire two hours. The selected cast will rehearse throughout the week, in daily two-hour sessions. Rehearsal schedules will be handed out to cast members after the auditions. Two performances are scheduled in the community center ballroom June 24 at 2 p.m. and June 25 at 7 p.m. General admission tickets cost \$5 for adults, \$2 for children, and free for children three and younger.

The Robins Prisoner of War Missing in Action Memorial Organization meets from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Smith Community Center.

Roll the dice for fun and prizes during Bunco at the Smith Community Center at 6 p.m. Must be 16 years or older to play.

TUESDAY

The Air Force Cadet Officer Mentor Action Program (AFCOMAP) Middle Georgia Chapter, a professional organization dedicated to the mentoring and professional development of all Air Force officers and officer candidates, meets at 11:30 a.m. in the Daedelon Room of the Officers' Club. More information can be found on Robins homepage under Special Functions.

The Civil Air Patrol is looking for volunteers from the Robins community. Nationwide, members perform more than 90 percent of all USAF search and rescue missions with both air and ground assets. We also teach aerospace classes, and help instill leadership skills in our members. Membership is open to citizens age 18 and older, and we have a cadet program for kids ages 12-18. The Middle Georgia Squadron meets Tuesdays at the Middle Georgia Regional Airport in the ASA training building from 7-9 p.m. To find out more, go to www.caphq.gov, or contact Todd Engelman at 213-4569 or PlaneFlyr@bellsouth.net.

Officers' Christian Fellowship meets Tuesdays at 7:15 p.m. at a member's home. OCF serves all active duty officers, enlisted personnel, guard and reserve members, ROTC cadets/midshipmen, international military personnel and civilian employees of military retirees. For more information, contact Capt. Melissa Cunningham at melissa.cunningham@robins.af.mil or 1st Lt. Ann Walsh at ann.walsh@robins.af.mil

WEDNESDAY

Aerospace Toastmasters Club 3368

volunteers for life



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Marilyn Strawn, Bertha Hays, Joyce Redmon, Ann Carter, Judy Hanson, Polly Smith and Wanda Andrews are frequent volunteers wherever and whenever they are needed. The women stuffed 1,200 Gym in a Bag kits at the Health and Wellness Center June 9.

meets from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the PK conference room, Building 300. If you wish to enhance your communication skills and become a better leader at work and in your community, come join us. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Robert E. Hall at 497-2946 or Brenda Smith at 222-1710.

THURSDAY

Guests of annual green fee members pay green fees and receive free golf cart at the golf course. Members may invite up to three guests.

An annual green free membership night is scheduled. Enjoy food, games and prizes. Call the pro shop at 926-4103 for details.

Dixie Crow Chapter of the Association of Old Crows, a professional Electronic Combat organization, meets at 11:45 a.m. in the atrium of the Officers' Club. For more information, contact Julie Vick at 926-2264 or Wes Heidenreich at 929-4441.

UPCOMING

A dinner and dance will be held June 24 from 6 - 9 p.m. at the Officers' Club. Limited menu and salad bar will be available. Music entertainment will be provided by Bob Cummings.

A Seniors Club Championship tournament will be held June 25 and 26 with individual stroke play and net and gross divisions. Entry fee is \$30 for annual green fee players and \$60 for guests. This event is open to all active duty and retired military 50 years of age and older. To register, call the golf course at 926-4103.

A Texas Hold 'Em tournament will be held June 26 with sign-ups starting at 2 p.m. and games at 2:15 p.m. Prizes to be given to the winners of the first round session and first through eighth places of the final round. The tournament is limited to the first 64 players. Cost is \$5 members and \$10 nonmembers. For more information, call the Enlisted Club at 926-4515.

The 21st Century Partnership Team Quality Award recognizes outstanding team performance, promotes increased productivity, emphasizes teamwork and continuous improvement including saving and cost avoidance. Nominations will be for the six-month period ending June 30. The nominations will be scored and the top two teams will make 15-minute oral presentations to the judges at the Museum of Aviation Aug. 5, with the winner announced after the presentations. If anybody is interested in submitting a nomination package or wants more information, call Shirley Maddox at 222-0745.

Tickets for the Fox Theater productions in Atlanta are available at Information, Tickets and Travel, Building 767, until July 1 for "Peter Pan" and until Aug. 20 for "My Fair Lady" for \$56. Performances are scheduled at 2 p.m. July 16 for "Peter Pan" and 2 p.m. Aug. 20 for "My Fair Lady."

Youth fall sports registration will be held July 9 - 16 for tackle football, flag football, cheerleading and fall soccer. Hours to register will be Monday - Friday, 3 - 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Coaches are needed in all areas. To register or for details, visit the youth center in Building 1021.

"Shoot for the Stars" basketball camp will be held July 18 - 22 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Robins Youth Center Gym. Cost is \$55 per youth. The camp is led by Michael Douglas, former Harlem Globetrotter.

Youth meet and spend the week with special guest professional athletes and former members of the Harlem Globetrotters and former NBA players. The camp is geared toward teaching fundamentals of basketball for kids 7 to 14 years old. Extended day care is available from 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. Call the Youth Center for reservations for this specialty camp. Cost is \$95 per week and includes breakfast, lunch, and instructional camp along with recreational activities during the afternoon. A \$10 deposit is required to sign up. The camp is open to the first 100 children. For more information, call Ron Hayes at 926-2110.

ONGOING

Members celebrating June birthdays are entitled to a \$10 birthday dinner coupon to use the evening of their choice at the Officers' Club. Notify the server on duty to take advantage of this club membership benefit.

Open bowling is back on Mondays for \$1.50; Wednesdays - Fridays after 5 p.m. for \$2.50; and Saturdays and Sundays for \$2.50. Kids 12 years old and younger bowl for \$1.25 with paid adult.

Bowl three games for \$3 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. in June at Robins Lanes.

Get into the fun during the Race & Roll bowling league now through Sept. 2. Bowl 15 sessions between now and Sept. 2 whenever lanes are available to receive an exclusive NASCAR driver leather jacket. Cost is \$15 per session.

The bowling Stars and Strikes program is going on now through Aug. 14. Pick up a three-level punch card to start earning rewards. For more information, call the center at 926-2112.

Pools are now open. Purchase pool passes at equipment rental, Building 914: daily pass, \$2; single - E4 and below,

\$20; single - E5 and above/officers/civilian, \$30; family - E4 and below, \$45 and family - E5 and above/officers/civilian, \$55. For more information, call outdoor recreation at 926-4001.

Outdoor recreation is taking reservations for private swim parties at Officers' Club and Enlisted Club pools. For more information, call outdoor recreation at 926-4001.

Atlanta Braves VIP ticket sheets, which are valued over \$400, are available at Information, Tickets and Travel for \$50 a sheet. The sheets include four free tickets, eight home game buy-one get-one free ticket. The tickets are valid for all home games, excluding the July 4 game. Coupons are redeemable at Atlanta Braves Ticket office.

Start booking your Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail at Information, Tickets and Travel. Courses range from the beautiful foothills of the Appalachians in north Alabama to the Gulf of Mexico. Twenty-three courses at eight facilities (totaling 378 holes worldwide) are located no more than 15 minutes from a major interstate. Prices range from \$38.50 - \$48.50 and includes cart fees.

Receive two for the price of one for cruises at Information, Tickets and Travel. These select cruises all have ocean-view cabins at rates starting from only \$798 for two people. For more information, call the ITT at 926-0093.

The Commissary now offers fresh sushi with the introduction of the new sushi bar located in the Deli. Come and try a variety of items made fresh daily. The sushi bar is open Tuesdays-Fridays, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Saturdays, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; and Sundays 10 a.m.-6 p.m. For more information, call 926-3714.

The Thrift Shop is taking donations on consignment. The shop is located on Page Road, Building 288, just inside gate 5. Store hours are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

Seven bikes, one scooter, two wallets with contents, one set of ladies rings, book bag with contents, dog tags, decorative knife and a gym bag with contents have been found. To identify property, call Stacey Panozzo, found property custodian, 78th Security Forces Investigations, at 926-5271.

To have an item listed, send it to Angela Trunzo at angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil by 4 p.m. Monday prior to the Friday of intended publication.

NOW PLAYING



Adult tickets are \$3.50; children 11 years old and younger tickets are \$2. Movies start at 7:30 p.m., unless noted. For more information, call the Base Theater at 926-2919.



TODAY

House of Wax

Elisha Cuthbert, Chad Michael Murray

A group of friends fall prey to a pair of murderous brothers in an abandoned small town. They discover that the brothers have created an entire town filled with the wax-coated corpses of unlucky visitors.

Rated R (horror violence, some sexual content and language) 110 minutes

SATURDAY

Herbie: Fully Loaded

Lindsay Lohan, Justin Long

2 p.m.-FREE

Free passes are available at any AAFES food outlet and Exchange checkout counter today. Seating is available on a first-come, first served basis.

When Maggie Peyton becomes the new owner of an old Volkswagen Beetle, she discovers the car has a mind of its own.

Rated G

XXX: State of the Union

Ice Cube, Samuel L. Jackson

7:30 p.m.

NSA Agent Augustus Gibbons and his partner must track a military splinter group that is conspiring to overthrow the U.S. government.

Rated PG-13 (intense action violence and some language) 153 minutes

COMING SOON

June24 - Monster in Law

June25 - Kingdom of

Heaven

July 1, 2 - Star Wars:

Episode III - Revenge of the Sith

CHAPEL SERVICES

Catholic

Catholic masses are held at the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m., on Holy Days of Obligation at noon and at a 5 p.m. vigil the day before, and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is Saturday from 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Islamic

Islamic Friday Prayer (Jumuah) is Fridays at 2 p.m. in the chapel annex rooms 1 and 2.

Jewish

Jewish service is Fridays at 6:15 p.m. at the Macon synagogue.

Orthodox Christian

St. Innocent Orthodox Church service is at the chapel on the second Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m.

Protestant

General services take place Sundays at 11 a.m. The service includes some traditional and contemporary worship styles in music and format. Protestant inspirational services take place Sundays at 8 a.m. Contemporary services take place 11 a.m. Sundays at the Base Theater. This service is informal and includes traditional and contemporary styles of music and worship.

The chapel helps with spiritual needs that arise. For further information, call the chapel at 926-2821.

DONATE YOUR LEAVE

Employee-relations specialists at 926-5307 or 926-5802 have information and instructions concerning requests to receive or donate annual leave. To have an

approved leave recipient printed in the Robins Rev-Up, wings should send information to Angela Trunzo at angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil.

Submissions run for two weeks.

Berry D. Jordan, WR-ALC/CCD. Point of contact is Cheryl McNeil-Jordan at 926-3840.

C-5 shop’s production control board makes for a ‘mooving’ experience

By **LISA MATHEWS**
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When Duane Price and Johnnie Hamm were tasked with producing a production control board for the C-5 cowl-ing shop, they literally “mooved” into the job.

Mr. Price is the first line supervisor in the shop and Mr. Hamm is the shop scheduler. The two had taken part in a Lean event with the 402nd Commodities Maintenance Group metal bond shop. The metal bond shop produces the forward end panels that are used by the cowl-ing shop. C-5 cowl-s are engine covers.

The Lean event was con-ducted to find a faster way to produce the end panels so that the cowl shop could in turn produce a cowl each day.

“We were sitting there lis-tening to everyone and all of it kept sounding like cows instead of cowl-s,” Mr. Price said. “We were joking about cows.

“In the Lean process you have work cells. So we decided our work cells should be cor-rals.”

As part of the Lean event, the men were tasked to imple-ment a production control board in their shop. Mr. Hamm, working with the idea of a cattle ranch, designed a board with corrals for each sta-tion in the shop.

“Anthony Dunn, our Lean fa-cilitator, suggested we get in touch with the Magic Shop, which is the C-17 Lean Office,” Mr. Price said.

After reviewing the design, the Magic Shop agreed to build the board once funding was provided from the 402nd Maintenance Wing’s Quality Assurance and Process Improvement Office.

The board has a “corral” for each cell in the cowl-ing shop. These include D-Pack Corral, where the cowl-s are uncrated. From there the cowl moves to Wet-Clean River, Tear Down and Shake Down, Cowl Ranch for build up then Fixture. Next the cowl moves to Final Build Up, Paint Lake and then the Final Inspection Barn.

The board has small mag-netic cows to represent each cowl being worked in the shop. Each time a cow moves to a new corral, a sound system belts out a loud “moo” to indi-cate to the entire shop a cow moved.



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Kayla Rutherford and Patricia Pickett apply rivets on the upper seal of a C-5 cowl-ing.



Johnnie Hamm is the C-5 cowl-ing shop scheduler.



Duane Price is the C-5 cowl-ing shop first line supervisor.

shop at a wing fling June 3.

Overall, the board is a morale booster in the shop.

“(The shop’s employees) want to put hoof prints on the floor. They want to get cows

painted on the floor. They real-ly like the idea,” Mr. Price said. He added that everyone gets excited when they can move their cow and hear the moo.

Base fire officials warn about fireworks as July 4 approaches

By **HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD**
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As July 4th approaches, base fire officials recommend people leave the “big bang boom” celebration to the professionals.

According to the Base Fire Department, nearly 11,000 fireworks-related injuries have occurred in the U.S. within the last year, with 55 percent of injuries involving burns to the eyes, hands and head.

Tommy Kennedy, 778th Civil Engineering Squadron assistant fire chief, said while his office offers safety tips for fireworks, the best way to enjoy them is from a distance.

“There’s really no safe way to play with fireworks,” he said. “The only safe way (to make fireworks part of your activities) is to go to a professional, public display.”

Tech. Sgt. Marcus Roberts, a base fire prevention specialist, agreed.

“Professional fireworks displays are the best option because they’re controlled,” he said. “Those guys are specialists, whereas a lot of people don’t have any idea about it. They try to just rig it up in a way that can cause a fire.”

But if people insist on creating their own sparks this Independence Day, Sergeant Roberts suggests they read up before they light up.

“If they’re going to use fireworks, they need to be familiar with the fireworks they’re using,” he said. “You should practice safety first, because a lot of people want to try different things,

WHAT TO KNOW

Private fireworks are illegal on Robins Air Force Base. Base fire officials recommend people attend public fireworks shows. For more information, visit the Consumer Products Safety Commission Web site at www.cpsc.gov or contact the Base Fire Department at 926-2145.

and they don’t know the safe means of using (them).”

The veteran firefighter said the best surfaces for lighting fireworks is on surfaces, such as dirt and concrete.

“People need to make sure they’re using an area where there is dirt or concrete, because if you’re around dry grass, you could start a fire,” he said. “You also want to make sure you’re in an open area.”

Sergeant Roberts said people should ask those selling fireworks about proper use and safety precautions.

While popular items, such as Roman candles, may seem harmless, Sergeant Roberts said they hold some danger if mishandled.

“A lot of people think Roman candles won’t injury them, and they hold them in their hands while it makes the pretty lights up in the air,” he said. “But when it leaves from the container it releases powder residue on people’s hands, and they can get seriously burned.”

Fire officials said with a little extra caution, people can enjoy the rocketing celebration without the dangers.



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Fireworks displays should be left to professionals.

SAFETY TIPS

Fire officials recommend that those who will be visiting a state where fireworks are legal follow these safety tips:

- Store fireworks in a cool, dry place. Check the instructions for special handling and storage requirements.
- Never allow young children to play with fireworks. Sparklers that seem safe will burn at 1,800 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Older children should only be permitted to use fireworks under close adult supervision and should never play with such items.
- Always light fireworks outdoors in a clear area away from houses, vehicles, buildings, grassy areas and areas with flammable liquids.
- Make sure everyone is out of the area where fireworks are lit.
- Never light fireworks in a glass or metal container, since shrapnel from these items can cause serious injuries and even death.
- Keep a bucket of water near the fireworks area for emergencies.
- Never experiment, modify or attempt to make your own fireworks.
- Don't wear loose-fitting clothing when lightening fireworks, as it can easily catch on fire.
- Light fireworks one at a time.

Hercules supply mission



U.S. Air Force photo by MASTER SGT. AL GERLOFF

SOUTHWEST ASIA -- Army Chief Warrant Officer 2 Eugenia Emmons, a parachute rigger, prepares containerized delivery system pallets onboard a C-130 Hercules. The pallets containing basic medical supplies, food and blankets were later airdropped to Soldiers in rural areas of Afghanistan who distributed the supplies to needy villagers in the local area.

JOB AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

An opportunity is available for the position of **Aide to The Vice President of the United States**. Nomination packages must be sent to afmc.dpda2@wpafb.af.mil no later than June 24. SAF/AA is specifically requesting nominees in the grade of Major or Lieutenant Colonel (Sel), and nominees must meet all eligibility requirements. Any AFSC is eligible to apply, with qualification requirements that PME is complete commensurate with rank. The report no later than date (RNTLD) is March 31, 2006, and interviews (in person) are required. If you have any questions or concerns please contact 2nd Lt. Shey Ameri at 327-7370.

The Air Force Senior Leadership Management Office is now accepting motivated enlisted applicants for **enlisted aide positions** at the following Air Force bases: Eglin, Bolling, Nellis, Lackland, and Aviano (Air Base, Italy). Applicants must have the ability to obtain a Top Secret Clearance for AIA position. Second term airmen (must have reenlisted), career airmen, and SRA-MSgt may apply. For more eligibility and requirement information, contact the Military Personnel Flight Outbound Assignments section by calling 327-7361 (press 2,

press 2 again, and then 1) or e-mailing 78MSS/DPMARO@robins.af.mil.

The next Undergraduate Flying Training (UFT) Selection Board will convene at the Air Force Personnel Center (AFPC) Jan. 10, 2006. This selection board will review active duty applications for selection to **pilot, navigator, or air battle manager training**. Those officers with a date of birth after April 1, 1976 and TFCSO after April 1, 2001, who met all other eligibility criteria, will be eligible to apply for UFT. Applicants must send the completed application, postmarked by Nov. 23, to HQ AFPC/DPAOT3, 550 C Street West Suite 31, Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4733. Applicants are responsible for advising commanders/supervisors providing AF IMT 215 comments of the application deadline. Applications with incomplete or missing data may not be processed. All applicants need to complete the Air Force Officer Qualification Test (AFOQT). In addition, pilot applicants must complete the Basic Attributes Test (BAT). For more information on application procedures, see AFI 36-2205 or contact the Robins Formal Training Office at 327-7304.

Firefighters respond to car fire



U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP



Co-workers alerted John Hofmann, an electronics engineer who works in Building 231, Tuesday afternoon that his 1971 Buick Skylark GS was on fire in the parking lot. Robins Fire Department put out the car fire. Above, firefighters Senior Airman Jahmal Daniels, Tech. Sgt. Arthur Bufo, Airman 1st Class Damien Woods and Staff Sgt. Jayson Adcock respond to the fire. Left, the interior of the car is charred.